

Public Law 102-332  
102d Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating September 10, 1992, as "National D.A.R.E. Day".

Aug. 3, 1992

[S.J. Res. 295]

Whereas D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is the largest and most effective drug-use prevention education program in the United States, and is now taught to twenty million youths in grades K-12;

Whereas D.A.R.E. is taught in more than two hundred thousand classrooms reaching all fifty States, Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Mexico and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide;

Whereas the D.A.R.E. core curriculum, developed by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District, helps prevent substance abuse among school-age children by providing students with accurate information about alcohol and drugs, by teaching students decisionmaking skills and the consequences of their behavior and by building students' self-esteem while teaching them how to resist peer pressure;

Whereas D.A.R.E. provides parents with information and guidance to further their children's development and to reinforce their decisions to lead drug-free lives;

Whereas the D.A.R.E. Program is taught by veteran police officers who come straight from the streets with years of direct experience with ruined lives caused by substance abuse, giving them unmatched credibility;

Whereas each police officer who teaches the D.A.R.E. Program completes eighty hours of specialized training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques, and communication skills; and

Whereas D.A.R.E., according to independent research, substantially impacts students' attitudes toward substance use and contributes to improved study habits, higher grades, decreased vandalism and gang activity, and generates greater respect for police officers: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 10, 1992, is designated as "National D.A.R.E. Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved August 3, 1992.

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